

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-15 are pending in this application.

Applicants note with appreciation that the claims continue to be patentable over the prior art.

All claims were rejected under Section 112 because the term "high temperature" as it appears in claims 1, 7, 10 and 15 is considered indefinite.

These claims were amended by deleting the phrase "which remains resistant to high temperatures and is" in claim 1, deleting ", high temperature resistant" in claim 15, and deleting "at high temperatures" in the last lines of claims 1, 10 and 15 and in the seventh line of claim 7.

Since the objected-to term "high temperature" no longer appears in any of the claims, the Section 112 rejection of the claims has been overcome.

In view of the foregoing, applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance and request a formal notification thereof at an early date.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at (415) 273-4730 (direct dial).

Respectfully submitted,


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